

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken. See pages 2159-60 of the Legislative Journal.) 19 ayes, 29 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to indefinitely postpone.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The motion fails. Do you have anything else on it, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Mr. President, I have an amendment to the bill from Senator Warner. (Warner amendment appears on page 2160 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER NICHOL: The call is raised. Senator Warner, please.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, I have an amendment on the desk that would reduce the appropriation to 158,000 for '86-87, and would show an '87-88 cost of 308,000. I believe the current amount is 244,000. So it would be about 90,000 less than the bill is currently written. I'd urge the amendment be adopted.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Thank you. Senator DeCamp, then Senator Abboud.

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President, since you didn't want to kill the bill, I'll support the amendment. I would raise the question with you, I would raise the question what do you think they are going to do with all of this money. You've got 158,000 new money you're going to give the PSC for 19...for this next year, and they couldn't even physically have any hearings or any need for any hearings until the next year as a result of amendments you put on the bill. However, far be it from me to question the idea of drowning the PSC in money after we've looked at the fine job they've done on telephones and other things at this point. So I'll support the amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Abboud, please.

SENATOR ABOUD: Mr. President, in light of the fiscal note, revision of it, I am going to support Senator Warner's amendment. But because of the financial problems we are having in the state, I'm going to be voting against LB 835 for this reason, as well as a number of different reasons. I think we will get into a good discussion about the cost of 835 and whether we can, in fact, afford it when we do get to the bill on Final Reading. LB 835 has a number of hurdles to overcome that weren't there when the bill was on Select File, such as a very